



EPA Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

Davenport, IA

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

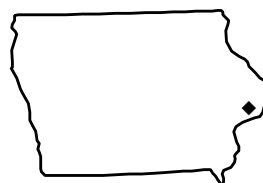
EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, and safely clean up brownfields to promote their sustainable reuse. Brownfields are abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years, with additional funding provided for greenspace) to test assessment models and facilitate coordinated assessment and cleanup efforts at the federal, state, tribal, and local levels; and job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years) to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund program (each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years) to provide financial assistance for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the City of Davenport for a Brownfields Assessment Pilot. The city also was selected to receive additional funding for assessments at brownfields properties to be used for greenspace purposes. Davenport has targeted 2,450 acres along the Mississippi River for this Pilot. The economic base of Davenport (population 98,256) moved away from the river decades ago, and many manufacturing operations in the project area closed, leaving an estimated 100 sites that have possible environmental problems.

Within the Pilot area, the city has identified two specific areas, including a wetland, for reclamation and enhancement using greenspace funding under the Pilot. The area includes a wide range of land uses, including undeveloped riverside parcels, active manufacturing facilities, and idled facilities such as former coal gasification plants, packing houses, lumber yards, and rail yards. The area also includes undeveloped riparian habitats. The 8,271 residents in and near the Pilot area are 11 percent minority, with a poverty rate of 19 percent, and a per capita income of \$9,972. The economy of the targeted area

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Davenport, Iowa

Date of Announcement:
April 2001

Amount: \$200,000

Greenspace: \$50,000

Profile: The Pilot targets brownfields in a 2,450-acre abandoned industrial area located along the Mississippi River. Sites to be assessed will be selected with the goal of increasing affordable housing in the city and revitalizing community centers.

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has been relatively stagnant compared to the rest of Davenport.

OBJECTIVES

The city's long-term objective is to redevelop the riverfront and increase affordable housing in and near the Pilot area. As part of this objective, the Pilot will establish the West Davenport Brownfields Partnership Team (BPT), identify candidate sites, complete Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments, and evaluate cleanup options. The BPT will provide strategies for public participation, propose candidate sites, set criteria for selection of sites that will receive detailed assessments, and present recommendations to the city.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Establishing the West Davenport Brownfields Partnership Team to provide overall guidance for the Pilot;
- Identifying candidate sites within the target area;
- Conducting Phase I environmental site assessments at approximately 30 sites; and
- Conducting Phase II environmental site assessments and cleanup planning at four sites.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.